

**CITY OF CARLSBAD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM
PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Carlsbad is eligible to receive funding, on an annual basis from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to finance projects, which serve the needs of lower income persons. The funds are to be used to develop viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities for lower income persons. The City will also receive funding under the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, as a participant in the San Diego County HOME Consortium. The funds will be used to increase the supply of decent affordable housing to lower income persons.

The total amount of CDBG funding available to the City for the 2010-2011 program year is approximately \$659,628. This figure includes an estimated \$508,000 in new CDBG entitlement allocation and \$91,488 in program income from Villa Loma property lease payments. Approximately \$60,140 is also available from prior year allocations that were not used and are available for the 2010-2011 program. Of the \$659,628 in CDBG funding, approximately \$101,600 will be used for the City's administration of the program and \$76,200 will be available for public service activities. Approximately \$240,914 will be available for affordable housing and \$240,914 will be available for facility improvements or other eligible projects.

To develop a CDBG/HOME Program that meets the needs of the lower income population, the City of Carlsbad requests assistance from members of the community. Citizen participation is critical to the success of the Program. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 to obtain comments on the draft 2010-2011 CDBG/HOME Funding Plan. The City encourages all community organizations to consider the needs of lower income persons within Carlsbad and to submit a proposed project, or projects, for consideration by the City Council at a future public hearing.

Organizations are strongly discouraged from applying for funds unless they are ready to implement the activity proposed for funding. A matching funds requirement will be applied to CDBG funded public facilities/improvement activities. Documentation showing use of those matching funds would be required prior to distribution of CDBG funds for activities under that category. CDBG funding for amounts of \$100,000 or more will be made in the form of a deferred, no interest loan, to be forgiven in twenty years if the facility remains in use for purposes as stated in the application.

The City of Carlsbad is committed to using CDBG/HOME funds to finance projects/services that provide direct benefit to lower income residents. It is also the City's intent to approve CDBG/HOME projects that do **not** result in the displacement of lower income persons from their homes. Therefore, all persons submitting project proposals to the City should consider the displacement impact upon lower income households. If the City does approve a project that results in displacement of lower income households, the City will provide relocation assistance as required in Section 570.606(b)(2) of the federal regulations for the CDBG program.

All organizations wishing to submit a project for funding consideration under the CDBG/HOME program must obtain an application package from the City of Carlsbad's Housing and Redevelopment Department. Interested persons may call (760) 434-2818 to obtain an application. **All project proposals must be submitted to: Frank Boensch, City of Carlsbad, Housing & Redevelopment Department, 2965 Roosevelt Street, Suite B, Carlsbad, CA 92009 prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2009.** Persons who have questions or comments regarding the City of Carlsbad's CDBG/HOME Program may contact Frank Boensch at (760) 434-2818, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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